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Applicant submits to the Examiner the attached Form PTO/SB/08A/B document listing and this paper pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98. Form PTO/SB/08A/B and this paper identify documents previously cited in US Patent Application No. 09/769,585, filed January 25, 2001, now US Patent No. 6,583,117, issued June 24, 2003.

According to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), Applicant has not enclosed copies of any US patents, publications, or other documents listed herein, which listed items were previously cited by or submitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office in prior parent US Patent Application No. 09/769,585, filed January 25, 2001, now US Patent No.

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6,583,117, issued June 24, 2003. The prior parent patent application is relied upon herein for an earlier priority date under 35 USC § 120.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted less than three months from the filing date of this application and before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fees are believed due.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents identified in this paper and in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A during the course of examination of this application.

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